

THE T R Y A L, Examination and Conviction; O F

Thomas Wallis, vulgarly called Whipping Tom,

For Whipping and Abusing Mary Suttin, Susanna Murrey, Ann Evans, Dorothy Webster, and several others in and about London: With the manner of his Sentance and Punishment, for his notorious Crimes.

THIS day the Tryal of *Thomas Wallis*, otherwise *Whipping Tom* came on, when after his Indictment was Read, which contain'd three Sheets of Paper, of very wicked Actions, not only of taking up the Womens Coates and viewing their Nakedness, and exposing many a pretty Female's Back-side to the extremity of the Wind and Rainy Weather; but even then in a violent and unmerciful manner, lash'd their tender Buttocks, Hips and Thighs, both within-side and without, a man would not have beaten a Dog so: To which Indictment he pleaded not Guilty, insinuating all the race of Womenkind, deserved ten times more than either Whip or Rod could possibly afford 'em; and thereupon put himself upon his Tryal of God and his Countrey; but excepted against a Women Jury, as a man would against the Devil in Petticoates.

However, tho he sat a side a Female Jury, he was forc'd to stand the Test of Female Accusations: His first Evidence against him being a Taylors Wife near *Cripplegate*, whose Husband having a scanty Yard, could not give her that due measure she wanted, so that walking late one Evening, to seek out for Relief in more-fields, instead of a procuring Pleasure to her Tail she added Pain to it, for *Whipping Tom* met her in a convenient place, where he Whip'd her in a sad and deplorable manner, of which Stripes she has not yet recovered of.

The next Evidence against him was *Mary Stroud* a Milkmaid of *St. Giles's*, who deposed that he jerk'd her Naked Back and Thighes to such a that ever since she has been obliged to straddle so wide as she walks that she is under suspicion of having the Crinkums, to the great loss of her Reputation.

Mary Suttin the Milkmaid of *Hackney* also deposed that when the Prisoner whip'd her Back-side in a Ditch near Shoulder of Mutton Fields, to prevent her Crying out, he stuff'd his Handkerchief into her Mouth, and would have thrust something else into another place, had not the Watchmen come happily to her assistance.

Susanna Murrey a Scotch woman near *Bedford Green*, declared in Court, that the said *William Wallis* met her in the Fields near *Shoreditch* late in the Evening on the 26th of November last, and having ty'd her Hands, did then and there such inde things as her modesty would not permit her to declare, and afterwards whipt her very unmercifully both Fore and Aft, which threw her into such a disorder both of Mind and Body, as depriv'd her of her right Sences ever since.

Ann Evans a Cobblers wife near *Hockle in the Hole*, made bitter Complaints against him, alledging that he on the 25th of October, being Chr spin's day, the said Prisoner at the Bar whip'd her most dreadfully for near half an hour together near *Black-mary's hole*; then her husband appeared in Court, and humbly mov'd that indictment; his wife being such a damnable Scold, and consequently deserved whipping so much, that he came to return him thanks for doing that for him he was not able to perform himself.

Above 20 other Indictments were prefer'd against him by Maids, Wives and Widdows, from all parts of the City and Subarbs, too numerous to be inserted in this Paper; many of whom keeps their Beds: To all which Accusations, instead of making his Defence in a regular manner according to the usual Custom of Prisoners in such like Cases, he insisted that what he had done tended more to the publick good of his Countrey and all Mankind in general; for says he, if all Females were but soundly Whip'd, when they Lye, Dissemble, Flatter, prove false play the Whore, (nay the Devil and all) we should have Peace instead of Wars, Riches instead of Raggs, Plenty instead of Poverty, Christians instead of Cucyolds, Victuals instead of Vanity; Charity instead of Cevetousness, Courage instead of Cowards, Love instead of Lust, Ease instead of Envy, and mercy instead of misery: And added that unless a Woman be Whip'd out of their Wickedness, Pride and Baseness, Mankind will by Degrees be run down, and consequently become the Women's Slaves. But this did not avail him, for the Court after having Sum'd up the Evidence and given a Charge to the Jury without stirring from the Bar, brought him in Guilty of Oppression and Tyranny.

Upon which his Sentence was Pronounced in this manner following.

That since he had been so Barbarous to the weaker Sex, as Whipping them without any just Provocation, so his Punishment should be of the same Nature, viz. To be Whip'd twice a Week in Bridewel by two maids, with each of them a Birch Rod, till the Blood on his Back comes in six places; and this to be continued for one whole Year, and to stand in the Pillory three times, viz. Once at the Royal Exchange, once at Temple Bar, and the last time at margrets-hill in Southwark; and at the end of Twelve months, to Run the Gantlet through 200 maids, Wives and Widdows in Cheapside, and to give Security for his good Behaviour for seven Yeare, and Find 2000 marks, and not to be discharged from Imprisonment till the money is Paid.